

REMARKS

The Examiner's Action mailed on May 12, 2005, has been received and its contents carefully considered.

In this Amendment, Applicants have editorially amended the specification, amended claims 2 and 5 into independent form, editorially amended claims 2, 4 and 5, and added claim 11. Claims 2, 5 and 6 are the independent claims, and claims 2-11 are pending in the application. For at least the following reasons, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance.

Initially, it is noted with great appreciation that the Examiner considers claims 6-10 as being allowed and the subject matter of claims 2-5 as being allowable over the art of record. In response, and as noted above, claims 2 and 5 have been amended into independent form. Moreover, since claim 1 has been canceled, the Examiner's prior art rejection has been rendered moot, and this Application has therefore been placed into condition for allowance. Such action, and the passing of this case to issue are requested.

Should the Examiner feel that a conference would help to expedite the prosecution of the application, the Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned counsel to arrange for such an interview.

Should any fee be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 18-0002, and advise us accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,



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